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1. COMMERCE DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SHERWIN HAS NOT RECEIVED LETTER FROM CSTP VICE CHAIRMAN SCHEIDEMANN REGARDING JOINT WORKING PARTY NOTED REFTEL. HOWEVER, BASED ON TEXT REFTEL YOU MAY INFORM FRG DELEGATION THAT SHERWIN GRATIFIED BY DECISION OF SCHEIDEMANN TO ACCEPT FEB 16 AS DATE FOR JOINT WP MEETING. IN SHERWIN'S VIEW MANDATE OF JOINT WP REQUIRES SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS BY SUMMER AND THUS IT VITAL THAT NO TIME IS WASTED. AS MEMBERSHIP OF JOINT WP ALREADY SELECTED, USG ANTICIPATES NO DIFFICULTY IN BEGINNING FEB 16.

2. ON QUESTION JOINT WP CHAIRMANSHIP, SHERWIN CONSIDERS CO-CHAIRMANSHIP ARRANGEMENT SOUND. SIMILAR ARRANGEMENTS EXIST SUCCESSFULLY IN MANY AREAS OF GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY. SHERWIN THEREFORE WISHES TO URGE SCHEIDEMANN TO PARTICIPATE IN WP ON BASIS TWO CO-CHAIRMEN RATHER THAN CHAIRMAN/VICE CHAIRMAN AS PROPOSED BY SCHEIDEMANN. SHERWIN
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PARTICULARLY DESIROUS OF FUNCTIONING AS CO-CHAIRMAN, (OR

IF NECESSARY, CHAIRMAN) THROUGH INITIAL PHASE OF JOINT WP
PROGRAM WHEN GROUNDWORK FOR STUDY WILL BE UNDERTAKEN.

3. SHERWIN WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING SCHEIDEMANN VIEWS
ON THESE POINTS. KISSINGER

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